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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: POTENTIAL AGRO-INDUSTRIAL TASK FORCE
TO RWANDA

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1. GENERAL: EMB MOST APPRECIATIVE POSSIBLE CONSIDERATION INCLUDING RWANDA ON ITINERARY PROPOSED AGRO-INDUSTRIAL TASK FORCE. RWANDA HAS FAVORABLE INTEREST IN FOREIGN PRIVATE INVESTMENT AS EVIDENCED BY RECENT IFC MEMBERSHIP AND PENDING FIRST US PRIVATE INVESTMENT PROJECT (TEA FACTORY). LAND-LOCKED AND SOMEWHAT ISOLATED POSITION PROVIDES INCENTIVES FOR IMPORT SUBSTITUTION. ON NEGATIVE SIDE ARE RWANDA'S STATUS AS POSSIBLY THE LEAST OF THE LEAST-DEVELOPED WITH ALL THAT IMPLIES IN TERMS LACK INFRASTRUTURE, RELIANCE SUBSISTENCE AGRICULTURE, ILLITERACY ETC. EMB REFERS DEPT/DOC TO REF B WHICH SUMMARIZES RWANDAN INVESTMENT CLIMATE.

2. PROJECTS: RWANDA HAS VARIOUS PROJECTS EITHER IN "WISH" OR STUDY STAGES BUT EMB UNCERTAIN WHETHER ANY COULD QUALIFY WITHIN TASK FORCE DEFINITIONS OF "MAJOR" AND "REAL". POSSIBILITIES INCLUDE BOTTLE PLANT (TO SERVE BEER AND SOFT DRINK FACTORIES), CANNING FACTORY (JUICE, PINEAPPLES OR VEGETABLES) POULTRY "FACTORY", AND OIL-SEED PROCESSING (SOYBEANS AND PEANUTS). IN MOST CASES, HOWEVER, ANTICIPATED PRODUCTION IS DIRECTED NATIONAL CONSUMPTION AND PROBABLY TOO SMALL TO BE CONSIDERED "MAJOR" IN AMERICAN TERMS. (AN EXCEPTION IS FRENCH INVOLVEMENT IN STUDY OF DOLS 10 MILLION SOYBEAN OIL PLANT WITH ANNUAL PRODUCTION

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5,000 TONS OIL AND 20,000 TONS SOYBEAN MEAL). TWO LARGER PROJECTS

HAVE BEEN HABITUALLY DISCUSSED: ONE IS TAPPING ESTIMATED 40-60 BILL. CU. MTRS. METHANE GAS SUSPENDED DEPTHS LAKE KIVU FOR USE IN ENERGIZING INDUSTRIALLY RWANDAN SHORE LAKE KIVU. THIS IS RELATED TO TUDY UNDERWAY BY GERMAN-LED CONSORTIUM ON ZAIRE SIDE OF LAKE AND IS NOT IMMINENT. SECOND IS LOCAL TIN SMELTER (RWANDAN CASSITERITE ORE PRODECTION IS 2,000 TONS) WHICH, HOWEVER, IS NOT AGRO-INDUSTRIAL.

3. FINANCING: THIRD POSSIBLE IMPEDIMENT IS FINANCIAL. GOR CERTAINLY UNABLE SELF-FINANCE EITHER "MAJOR" OR FOR THAT MATTER MINOR INDUSTRIAL PROJECTS. VIRTUALLY ALL SUCH ACTIVITY HERE FINANCED ON GRANT OR CONCESSIONAL TERMS BY FOREIGN DONRS (UNDP, IBRD, AND EDF). THUS, FOREIGN DONOR OR PRIVATE INVESTOR INTEREST ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL. IN THAT REGARD, DEPT MAY WISH CONSULT WITH IBRD (WHICH HAS SEVERAL RELATIVELY LARGE--IN RWANDAN TERMS--AGRO PROECTS UNDER CONSIDERATION) AND IFC (WHICH RECENTLY UNDER-TOOK STUDY PRIVATE INVESTMENT PROJECT PROSPECTS IN RWANDA) WHETHER THEIR PROJECTS MIGHT BE SUITABLE TASK FORCE INTEREST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLS ADVISE INITIAL REACTION. IF TENTATIVELY FEASIBLE, EMB WILL SEEK PROVIDE ADDITIONAL PROJECT DETAILS. FRITTS

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